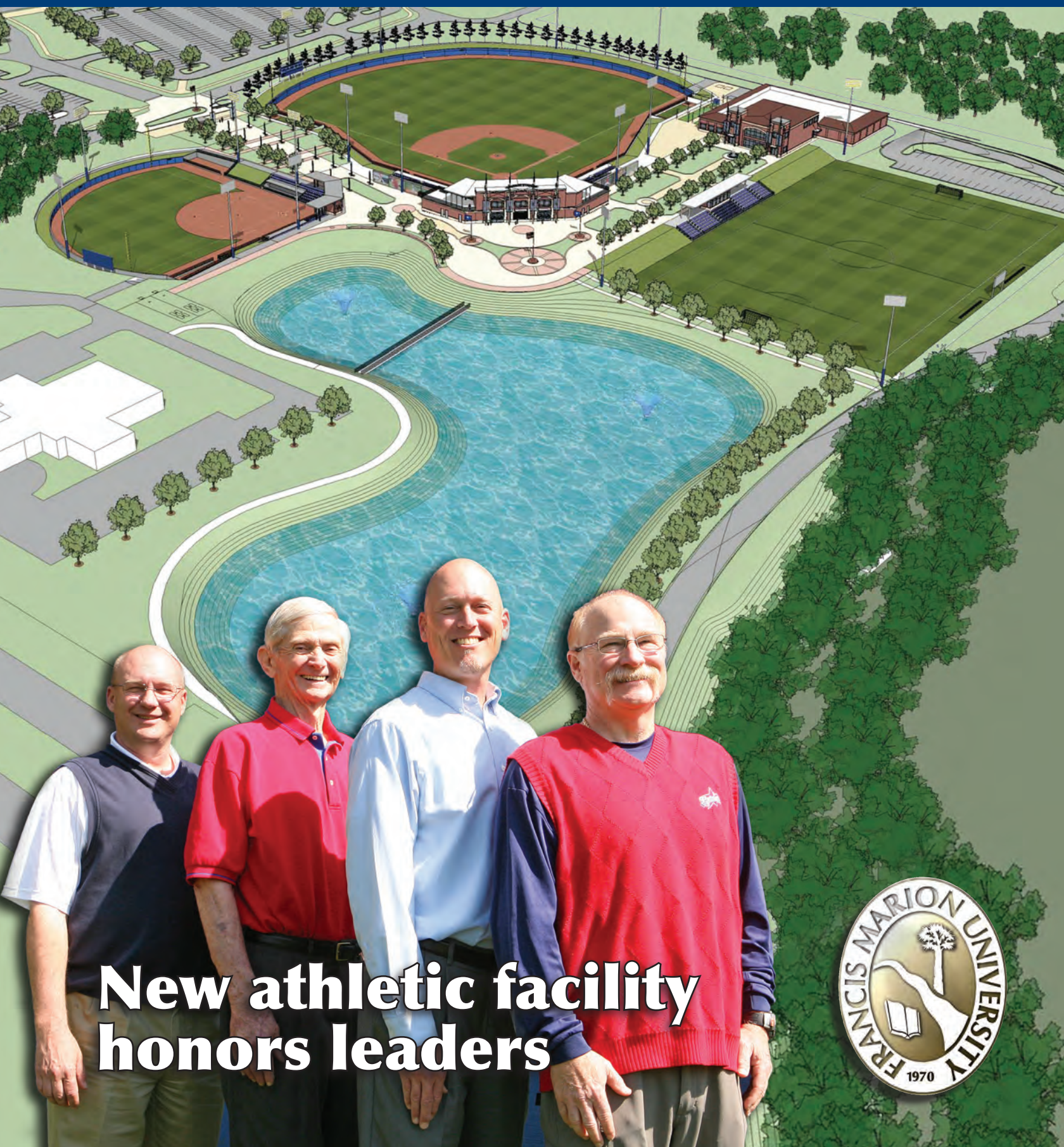


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**New athletic facility
honors leaders**



President's Letter



President Carter

Dear Friends:

Francis Marion athletics will take a progressive step forward next spring when we open our new athletic complex. This venue, with its contemporary baseball and softball stadiums and soccer field, will provide Patriot student-athletes the quality facilities that they so richly deserve. And, of course, the movement of our current athletic fields to this new site will free up land for the construction of future academic buildings as the university continues to grow and prosper.

For FMU to continue its mission of providing students with an extraordinary education at an affordable cost, we must build a university that meets the needs and expectations of our student body, our alumni and our community constituencies. The Richardson Center for the Child, the Lee Nursing Building and the FMU Performing Arts Center are important parts of this foundation, and the Griffin Athletic Complex will provide yet another timely and integral part.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. F. Carter".

Luther F. Carter
President

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Spyder Webb, Murray Hartzler, Michael Hawkins, and Gerald Griffin have played an integral role in the development of FMU's highly successful athletic program. Their names will be placed on facilities at the new athletic complex to honor their service. Read the full story on page 4.

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A view of the future of FMU Athletics

A large, multi-paned window with white frames and silver handles. The view through the window shows a bright, sunny day on a campus. In the foreground, there are green lawns and several young trees with green leaves. In the background, a large, modern brick building with multiple stories and large windows is under construction. A fountain is visible in the middle ground. The sky is clear and blue.

The trees have been cleared. The lake has been dug and the playing fields are starting to take shape. Before long construction will begin on a new field house.

Francis Marion University's new "window on the world" is taking shape on the east side of campus creating a brand new view of the University from U.S. 76 for the thousands of motorists that pass by each day.

Construction on the new athletic complex began in late December, and if all goes as planned, play on the new baseball field will begin with the 2012 season.

Besides the baseball stadium being named after donors Henry Booker and Nellie Cooke Sparrow, the complex will have a new soccer field and softball field and the "core" of a new field house.

The \$11.3 million facility is being paid for with private donations and student activity bonds.

The University's Board of Trustees was expected to give final approval in June to a resolution first presented in March for the naming of the (Gerald) Griffin Athletic Complex, (Murray) Hartzler Soccer Field, (Marion "Spyder") Webb Plaza and (Michael) Hawkins Press Box.

"The principal reason for the new complex is to improve and update facilities most of which have been here since our founding more than 40 years ago. It was past time to develop facilities commensurate with facilities at comparable universities. We think these will place us on equal or superior footing," FMU President Dr. Fred Carter said.



FMU Athletic Director Murray Hartzler agreed. “We are going from having some of the weakest facilities in the Peach Belt Conference to the best. Without a doubt baseball will be at the top. The softball facilities will be better than some smaller Division 1 schools. Our soccer facilities will be as good as anyone’s in the conference. The coaches and the athletes are terribly excited about the new fields and facilities. Some have even joked they want to redshirt a year so that they can play on them next year,” Hartzler added.

To start with, the new field house will include a downstairs lobby and equipment room; offices for all head coaches and assistants for baseball, softball, and soccer; a conference room, video editing room and work room with

two smaller locker rooms for baseball and softball.

During the next phase a training room; weight room; four larger locker rooms for all the sports, and visitor locker rooms will be added.

Remaining at the current field house will be the basketball, tennis and volleyball facilities and the office of the athletic director.

“Besides the athletic fields, the complex will add campus space and will be a recreational destination for students, faculty and administration. It can be used by all the students, faculty and staff,” Carter said. It will include a six acre lake, a dock, and recreation areas that will include walking trails. And when complete, as are all our facilities, it will be available to the public.

And Carter went on to say that one additional benefit will be a new view of the University from U.S. 76 to the thousands of motorists who pass by each day. “In the past all they saw was the Stokes Administration Building and the President’s House,” Carter said. “Now, they will be able to look across the lake and the playing fields and see the new Nursing Building, the McNair building, the Leatherman Science Center and Founders Hall.”

Carter said FMU is also working with the Department of Transportation to make Francis Marion Road into more of a “boulevard” with dividers and beautification separating the two parts of the campus – the east side which is the academic side and the west which will be the athletic side.

The University has also purchased 60 acres to the south of the DNR building and the Baptist Student Center for future expansion. The current fields on the east side will be available for future academic expansion.

“The response from the athletic community on campus – the coaches and players and the community in general - has been genuine excitement about the future,” he added.

The new window to the world is about to open.

Features

- ▶ The 800 seat baseball stadium features berm seating for 1,000 to 1,200 people and a VIP box.
- ▶ The 300 seat softball stadium includes two berm areas to accommodate nearly 500 people.
- ▶ The 400 seat soccer stadium offers berm seating to accommodate up to 1,000 people.
- ▶ Included in the design are press boxes to accommodate media and a plaza with concessions, a terrace and a picnic area to serve all three venues.

Patriot icons honored for service

Four long serving coaches and administrators who have played a role in the development of FMU's very successful athletic program will be honored by having their names placed on structures in the new athletic complex.

Griffin Athletic Complex will be named for Gerald Griffin, the longtime athletic director and baseball coach at Francis Marion University who retired on June 30, 2000. Griffin coached baseball for 28 seasons. One of the winningest collegiate coaches in the nation, Griffin has more than 730 career victories, including 22 years of 20-plus wins at the helm of the Francis Marion program. Griffin became the head

baseball coach in 1972 and assistant dean of student affairs. He was named athletic director in 1973.

Griffin directed the Francis Marion athletic program as it moved from NAIA status to NCAA Division II affiliation in 1992. Under his leadership, the program grew from seven sports (four men's and three women's) to its current 14 sports (seven for both men and women). In 1997, the school received the highest marks among all South Carolina institutions and Peach Belt Conference members according to a gender equity report card released by the Women's Sports Foundation.

Under Griffin, the school captured a pair of national championships, both in women's basketball, and has earned the Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cup two straight years (1997-98 and 1998-99), signifying the most successful all-around athletic program in the conference. He was instrumental in the founding of the Patriot's Brigade, the fund-raising organization for FMU athletics that has generated \$1.3 million in gifts since.

Hartzler Soccer Field will be named for

Murray Hartzler who is entering his 11th year as director of athletics at Francis Marion University. In the fall of 2006, he retired from his role as head men's soccer coach, after guiding the Patriots for 13 seasons (and his 23rd season as a head coach at the collegiate level), to concentrate fully on his role as FMU director of athletics.

Under his guidance, FMU student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom with an overall grade point average of 2.86 - exceeding the overall student body GPA - and the student-athletes' graduation rate continues to be higher than the student body's graduation rate.

This past year (2009-10), seven FMU squads (women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's tennis) participated in NCAA post-season competition. Seven of the 10 teams that compiled won-loss records posted winning marks and five programs appeared in national polls.



Griffin



Hartzler



Hawkins Press Box will be named for Michael G. Hawkins who is the associate athletic director for media relations and marketing at FMU. Hawkins, 48, has served as sports information director and news writer within the University's Office of Communication Services for 21 years prior to accepting his current post and moving to the Athletics Department in 2006. He is a 1985 graduate of Francis Marion, is a past chairman of the Peach Belt Conference SID's Committee, and is a longtime member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). During his time at Francis Marion, he has worked at numerous



Hawkins

Peach Belt Conference and NCAA championship events. He served as a member of the statistical crew at the 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992 NAIA Men's Basketball National Tournaments in Kansas City, Mo., and was director of information for women's basketball for NAIA District Six in the late 1980s.

The Porterville, Calif., native is a product of Florence's Wilson High School and earned the B.S. degree in mathematics from Francis Marion in 1985. He served as student SID at FMU from 1981 to 1985.

Webb Plaza will be named for Marion "Spyder" Webb who is in the midst of his 35th year as the University's head athletic trainer. He is a 1978 graduate of Francis Marion with a B.S. degree in political science. He attended Clemson University for two years before transferring to Francis Marion. He is also a product of Florence's McClenaghan High School, where he picked up his nickname. During each of the past 32 summers, Webb has worked with the Seattle Mariners' short-season Class A baseball club in the Northwest League. During the summer 2008, he was honored for this work by his current squad, the Everett AquaSox.



Webb

FMU airs new marketing strategy

PETER D. HYMAN
ARTS CENTER



The communication between Francis Marion University and its community has always been authentic and easy to understand. This is demonstrated in FMU's marketing strategies through the years which illustrate and inform viewers that "we've kept our promise to provide the best educational value in the state of South Carolina."

This communication further establishes the University as an institution that appreciates the many sides of relationships – understanding, trust and respect. Each is a critical element of any relationship.

FMU recently launched a series of spirited television commercials to showcase some of those associations.

The ads show compelling images with footage of students and award-winning faculty engaged in the teaching, research and outreach missions of the University. A slightly different spot was developed that presented what the casual observer would view as an unlikely alliance between two former governors. S.C. Governors David Beasley (R) and Jim Hodges (D) both say that although they belong to different political parties, they've always remained friends and agree on a great many things.

Hodges said, "One thing we have in common is we are both huge admirers of Fred Carter (FMU President). We are equally as impressed with what has taken place at FMU over the past decade."

Echoing the words of Gov. Robert E. McNair, Hodges said FMU has remained true to its mission and it is one in which he believes – the provision of a quality education for all South Carolinians.

Friends since their years at law school together nearly 25 years ago, Hodges said support of higher education has always been a priority for him and Beasley.

"Institutions of higher learning are critically important to the economic growth of our state. They are indeed our future," Beasley said. "What better way to demonstrate that support than to promote a tremendous university in the Pee Dee."

It was during discussions with the two governors concerning different issues complementary to the University that Carter acquired the notion to introduce a marketing strategy that emphasizes relationships.

"We pride ourselves on the relationships our students have with the faculty and staff and the University's relationship with its constituent groups," Carter said. "Here we have two very distinguished former governors enthusiastically agreeing on the value of an FMU education. I'd say that has everything to do with the relationship they've formed with our faculty and students over the past decade."

Marion Medallion unveiled

A touch of Pee Dee gold

Francis Marion University and the Morning News have partnered in an initiative to highlight Pee Dee residents who have shown exemplary service to their communities with a prestigious award called the Marion Medallion. The five inch medallion features the face of Francis Marion on 24-karat gold plated bronze. It will be presented each year to two citizens who have made "sustained and significant contributions" toward improvement of the quality of life in the Pee Dee.

By Carlton Purvis
Morning News

In an oft-forgotten part of the state like the Pee Dee, unsung heroes go unsung more often than not.

But not much longer.

Beginning in February, Francis Marion University and the *Morning News* will team up to recognize the special men and women who serve the people of the Pee Dee with a brand new award. It's called the Marion Medallion and it will celebrate the public service spirit of its namesake, Revolutionary War hero Gen. Francis Marion.

The medallion will be awarded on or about Feb. 27 - Francis Marion Day - every year, and will be given, FMU President Dr. Fred Carter said, to two people who have made "sustained and significant contributions" to the improvement of the Pee Dee and its people.

A panel consisting of FMU and the *Morning News* leaders will select the award winners. The criteria are broad and non-specific - basically, winners must live and perform their good deeds in the 10 county Pee Dee region - but people who work long hours out of the limelight are likely targets. The "usual suspects" for honorific awards may have to sit this one out.

"It will be people with a sincere interest in the well-being of the Pee Dee," Carter said.

Added Tucker Mitchell, regional editor for the *Morning News*, "I think people will be surprised (at some of the winners). . . . We've discussed at some length what kind of criteria we're going to have and I think the basic answer to that is that the people need to be from the Pee Dee and work in the Pee Dee. That's about it.

"These will be people who are well known in certain areas, but not well known generally, but yet have been doing very important and very good things for our community for a long period of time," Mitchell said.



The award itself is a handsome, five-pound medallion featuring the face of Francis Marion on 24-karat gold-plated bronze. The presentation, made near the anniversary of Marion's death, will become part of FMU's annual Marion Day events. Specific plans for the medallion will be announced later.

Carter and Mitchell said the award was a natural fit for the two organizations - and the Pee Dee.

"As part of our normal mission we try to find and identify people who are doing good things in our community and people who serve our community and have done so for a long period of time," Mitchell said. "This medal will just be a better way to recognize them."

Said Carter, "If these two institutions don't know who's making important contributions in this region, then we aren't doing our job."

During the year-long search, the committee will look for unsung heroes throughout the area consisting of Florence, Darlington, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Marion, Lee, Dillon, Williamsburg, Sumter and Clarendon counties.

The award was derived, in part, from work done by FMU on the Interstate 95 Corridor study, a joint venture with S.C. State University. Carter approached the *Morning News* about a partnership for the award late last year.

Campus News

Associate justice, attorney and basketball legend receive honorary degrees

Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were conferred upon the Hon. Kaye Hearn, an associate justice of the S.C. Supreme Court, of Conway; FMU alumna ('79) and basketball legend Pearl Moore of Florence; and Florence attorney and former Mayor Haigh Porter. Hearn delivered the commencement address.

Hearn was elected to the S.C. Supreme Court in May of 2009, becoming its second female member in history. She

High School, is the all-time career-scoring leader for women's college basketball. Between 1975 and 1979, the four-time All-American scored 4,061 points.

She has also provided a remarkable example of service to the east Florence community and the greater Pee Dee region in a myriad of ways. None is more dear to Moore's heart than her annual week-long girls basketball camp.

The camp which she started in 2007 is open to girls ages seven to 17. What began with 60 participants has grown to include more than 100. The camp is designed to build character by emphasizing the core values of teamwork, caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, fun and friendship. Volunteers from the community and FMU basketball players assist Moore.

Following her career at Francis Marion, Moore went on to play two seasons in the Women's Pro Basketball League (1979-80 with the New York Stars and 1980-81 with the St. Louis Streak), earning All-Star status in 1981.

The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn., recently

announced its class of 2011 inductees - she was among those included. Moore was one of the first inductees into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. In 2000, she was inducted into the S.C. Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2006 was in the inaugural class for the Florence Area Athletic Hall of Fame.

She lives in Florence, participates in FMU's annual Old Timers' Game, and is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

Porter, a native of Florence, became involved in local government early in life. He was a member of Florence City Council and the Florence City-County Airport Commission before becoming Mayor of the City of Florence from 1991-1995.

Porter is an attorney who serves as special referee in Florence and Marion counties on appointment by the 12th Judicial Circuit and in Darlington and Dillon counties on appointment by the 14th Judicial Circuit. As such, he hears non-jury civil matters with appeal directly to the S.C. Supreme Court.

He received the B.S. in biology from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., and the L.L.B. from U.S.C.'s School of Law.

His service to the Florence community includes his tenure as a member of the following boards: the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation; Florence General Hospital; Carolinas Hospital and later its Advisory Board; Francis Marion University Foundation; the University of the South; Guaranty Bank and Trust Company; and later the Southern Bank and Trust Advisory Board.



Hearn



Porter



Moore

began her judicial career in 1986 when she was elected Family Court Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, comprised of Horry and Georgetown counties. While a family court judge, Hearn served as the first woman president of the Conference of Family Court Judges. In 1995, she was elected to the S.C. Court of Appeals, and was elected to be its first female Chief Judge in 1999. During her tenure as Chief Judge, Justice Hearn served as president of the Council of Chief Judges, a nationwide network of chief judges of the intermediate courts of appeal.

She received her B.A. degree, cum laude, from Bethany College in 1972, and her juris doctor degree, cum laude, from the University of South Carolina's School of Law in 1977. She received an L.L.M. degree from the University of Virginia in May 1998, and an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the Charleston School of Law in 2010.

Hearn was the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association's 2004 Portrait Honoree and the 2011 recipient of the Jean Galloway Bissell Award by the S.C. Women Lawyers' Association.

Hearn began her legal career by serving as a law clerk to the Honorable J.B. Ness, Justice of the S.C. Supreme Court. From there, she became a trial attorney with the firm of Stevens, Stevens, Thomas, Hearn, and Hearn until her election to the family court bench. She is married to Rep. George M. Hearn, and they have one daughter, Kathleen, a recent graduate of Wofford College.

Moore, a native of Florence and a graduate of Wilson

FMU President shares Gov. Haley's funding plan with board

In Francis Marion University President Fred Carter's report to the Board of Trustees at the quarterly meeting held recently, he offered insight into the five higher education funding guidelines proposed by Gov. Nikki Haley.

Originally, the governor's plan consisted of four measures, said Carter. Those included graduation rates, the number of in-state students, job placement for graduates and support for economic development. At the urging of the college presidents, Haley accepted a fifth measure – serving underrepresented constituencies and rural regions of the state.

"Thus far, I am encouraged by her willingness to support institutions that emphasize the education of South Carolinians and invest heavily in regional development," said Carter.

Ninety-five percent of FMU's students are from South Carolina, 43 percent are minorities and 40 percent are first-generation college students.

In other board business, sophomore right-hander Don Sandifer was recognized by the trustees. He tossed the 10th no-hitter in school history, allowing only two base runners, as FMU beat Winston-Salem State University 13-0 during the season.

The trustees were presented a resolution to consider at their June meeting for the naming of (Gerald) Griffin Athletic Complex, (Murray) Hartzler Soccer Field, (Marion "Spyder") Webb Plaza and (Michael) Hawkins Press Box.

The nominating committee reported its recommendations



Dozier, Chairman



Hartung, Vice Chairman



Elmore, Secretary

for new officers for next year. They are H. Randall Dozier (Murrells Inlet) as chairman; Patricia C. Hartung (Greenwood) as vice chairman; and L. Franklin Elmore (Greenville) as secretary. Trustees will vote on this slate of candidates at the June meeting.



Sen. Kent Williams was the speaker at Francis Marion University's African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition's (AAFSC) 10th annual scholarship gala recently. The theme of this year's event was "Honoring Achievement, Promoting Success." The evening began with a reception in Ervin Dining Hall hosted by FMU President and Mrs. Luther F. Carter. Proceeds go toward the group's scholarship funds and functions.

Local business owner headlined MLK Jr. celebration

Francis Marion University and the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce hosted the 13th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

The event was held in the McNair Science Building's Chapman Auditorium.

The keynote speaker for this event was Wanda DuBose James, a McDonald's Corporation franchiser.

James and husband Arnett were provided the opportunity to become members of the McDonald's Corporation in 1995, which required them to relocate to Marion. This was the beginning of their careers in the "fast food" industry. Today, they own four McDonald's restaurants in Florence.



James

FMU to host Teach For America - S.C.

Teach For America has announced it will expand to South Carolina. The organization has plans to bring 30 college graduates and professionals this fall to teach in some of the state's highest-need rural schools, and at least 30 additional corps members in each of the following two years.

FMU President Fred Carter; S.C. State Board of Education members Mike Brennan and Rose Sheheen; Darla Moore, vice president of Rainwater Inc., and founder and chair of the Palmetto Institute; and supporters from across the state convened at FMU to announce the establishment of the organization's 42nd region.

Teach For America's local university partner will be FMU. All Teach For America corps members in South Carolina will enroll at the University to obtain their state teaching certification.

"FMU is proud to partner with Teach For America and the Palmetto Institute to enhance the learning opportunities available for K-12 students in the Pee Dee region and throughout the state," said FMU President Fred Carter. "We are excited to serve as the host university, and we'll work diligently to accommodate our new TFA teachers and facilitate their instructional efforts."

Teach For America recruits, trains, and supports outstanding recent college graduates and professionals who commit to teach for two years in under-resourced schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational equity.

Launching its 20th anniversary year last May, Teach For America fielded 4,500 new corps members from an applicant pool of more than 46,000. Among the 8,200 current corps members teaching in urban and rural school districts across 31 states and the District of Columbia, more than 100 grew up or attended school in South Carolina. Teach For America received nearly 48,000 applications for its 2011 corps, including more than 650 from individuals in South Carolina.

"In the words of the late Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays, clergyman, educator, scholar, and first African-American president of the Atlanta School Board from Greenwood, 'Every man and woman is born into the world to do something unique and something distinctive and if he or she does not do it, it will never be done.' Teach For America offers us a transformational opportunity to demonstrate that where children live will not prevent them from having the chance to do something unique and distinctive," said Darla Moore.

Teach For America selected South Carolina as an expansion

site for the coming school year based on support from state and school district leaders seeking an additional pipeline of effective teachers to address the region's significant achievement gap. Additionally, the S.C. State Board of Education's passage of guidelines enabling Teach For America corps members to obtain teacher certification catalyzed the organization's expansion to the region.

Corps members will apply for open positions in high-need schools in Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, and Florence county schools and Lake City College Prep Academy. The organization will continue to pursue partnerships with additional school districts over the coming weeks.

"Teach For America is excited that our corps members and alumni will be part of the momentum in South Carolina toward educational excellence and equity," said Wendy Kopp,



Moore speaks at the press conference announcing partnership with FMU.

founder and CEO of Teach For America. "We are grateful for the support of Darla Moore and her colleagues at the Palmetto Institute, BB&T Bank's Mike Brennan, and State Superintendent Mick Zais, whose partnership has been critical to the development of a Teach For America presence there."

In conjunction with the expansion announcement, Teach For America named Greenville native Josh Bell as the founding executive director of Teach For America-South Carolina. As a 2008 corps member, Bell taught seventh- and eighth-grade reading and social studies and coached the baseball team at his school in Charlotte, N.C. After teaching, Bell joined Teach For America's staff, working to recruit top college graduates and professionals in Georgia and South Carolina to join Teach For America. Bell holds a B.A. in history from Clemson University, where he served as the student body president his senior year.



FMU celebrates General Francis Marion Day

Francis Marion University celebrated the life and legacy of its namesake on Feb. 27, Gen. Francis Marion Memorial Day.

The public came out to honor the Revolutionary War hero for whom the S.C. General Assembly four years ago designated this special date.

There were two viewings of the SCETV documentary, "Chasing the Swamp" and the address, "The Founding Generation and Why It Resonates Today" from William Bolt of the FMU Department of History.

The events were held in Lee Nursing Building's Thomason Auditorium on campus.

In addition, materials depicting the life of Gen. Francis Marion were on display in the Arundel Room on the second floor of the library.

The event was sponsored by the James A. Rogers Library, the Francis Marion Trail Commission, and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

New DNR facility provides opportunities for collaboration



The difference is like night and day. That's how Capt. William Poole of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources describes the department's new 8,300 square-foot Florence Regional Office located off of U.S. 76 on property formerly owned by Francis Marion University.

The building, which opened in August of 2010, is right across Francis Marion Road from the FMU campus and gives DNR a customer friendly building for the 13 counties of northeastern South Carolina that it serves. Poole said at the old location off U.S. 52 they were crammed into small offices and trailers and customers sometimes had to wait in line outside to be served. Now they have a beautiful lobby area where customers can wait out of the weather, as well as restrooms and other amenities.

The multi-use facility offers recreational licenses, permits and tag sales along with watercraft registration renewals, duplicate watercraft decals, duplicate registration cards and duplicate outboard motor decals.

The building houses three DNR divisions including Law Enforcement; Land, Water and Conservation; and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. It has a 1,250 square-foot auditorium for on-site hunter and boater education classes and a DNR hunter and boater education coordinator. Also, there is a laboratory for DNR biologists to work.

According to FMU President Dr. Fred Carter, "This new facility provides numerous opportunities for collaboration between their staff and our faculty in the biological and ecological sciences." FMU students gain access to internships in areas such as law enforcement and research. And it gives DNR access to FMU facilities and people as well.

Nelson delivers Fifth Annual Moran Address

Retired Francis Marion University History Professor Larry Nelson delivered the Fifth Annual William C. Moran address at FMU in March.

Nelson's address was titled "There is Life After Retirement."

He retired from Francis Marion University in 2009 as A. R. Avent Professor of History, chair of the Department of History and the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor.

A 1967 graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Utah, Nelson began his professional career as a high school teacher in Ogden, Utah, teaching courses in English

and history. Upon completing his Ph.D. at Duke University, Nelson accepted a position at FMU to teach courses in both American and European history.

Throughout Nelson's career, he maintained a strong commitment to public schools. After coming to FMU, he was a member of the Teacher Education Advisory Committee for 25 years. He was a member of several site-visitation teams that reviewed teacher education programs in universities throughout the state.

Nelson engaged in considerable service to the community. He was a gubernatorial appointee to the S.C. Humanities Council. He served as a member of the Pee Dee Heritage Center's Board of Directors, and the vice president of the Pee Dee Heritage Center. He gives lectures and presentations

to local community groups such as the Pee Dee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Florence Rotary Club, and the Marion County Historical Society.

His publications include, but are not limited to, "Sherman's March through the Upper Pee Dee Region of South Carolina," "The Pee Dee River," "Black Leaders and the Presidential Election of 1864," and "Utah Goes Dry." Nelson's current principal research involves his study of ordinary South Carolina farmers' reactions to the boll weevil, and their efforts to cope with the insect.

Nelson lives in Florence with his wife JaLene; they have two sons and seven grandchildren.

The Moran Address is delivered by a retiring or retired FMU professor. The event honors the service to this state and University of Dr. William C. Moran, who was FMU's vice president of Academic Affairs from 1978-1992, after which he served as President of Lander University.



Keith Best presents Nelson with a plaque.

Second annual Arts International great success

Francis Marion University hosted its annual celebration of the arts and international culture this spring.

Arts International is a celebration of the visual and performing arts for the whole family, with simultaneous performances at several different venues on campus.

The event, a union of FMU's Art's Alive and the Pee Dee International Festival, took place for the second time on the FMU campus.

Featured on the international stage were the Taiko drummers from Japan, Maturiza; Foothills Oompah Band; African-Latino dance group Buen Ache' Dance Company; and Chief Kamu's Fire and Hula Show.

In the Fine Arts Center Theatre were two international one-act plays performed by the FMU Theatre – Three Tales from Japan and Senora Tortuga.

The Palmetto State Boys Choir, pianist Ann Miles, Cobb Festival Singers, Brass 5 x 5 and Baritone David Lowell Young performed in Kassab Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Center.

The University of South Carolina Dance Company performed an eclectic dance concert titled "Dance through the Ages" in Chapman Auditorium in the McNair Science Building.

Marcelo Ponce y Viviana Dallas of Argentina, South Carolina's legendary "Blues Doctor," Drink Small, Wanda Johnson and Shrimp City Slim, Ike and Val Woods of Miami and the Rick Strickland Band performed on the Blues/Beach Stage.

Food vendors representing countries all over the world were on hand and international booths boasted displays highlighting the history and culture of other nations. Attendees participated in a sidewalk chalk art competition and a recycled reading book sale.

The seventh-annual art show featuring artists from South and North Carolina, was held during the festival as well. This one-day exhibition and sales event was designed to promote the quality of diverse artisans residing in the region. In addition to booths displaying items for sale, artisans demonstrated their skills. The art show was juried, with cash awards of \$600, \$300 and \$150 awarded to first, second and third places, respectively.



Campus News

FMU entrepreneurial class a success in Marion

An inaugural class of 14 students began studies this spring for the adult entrepreneurship program in Marion. The Waste Management Entrepreneurship Class includes educators, retired county and federal employees along with others who are under or unemployed and in search of a way to peddle their passions.

The four-week course is the centerpiece of an initiative forged by Rep. James A. "Jim" Battle Jr., Sen. Kent Williams, YesCarolina, Francis Marion University, the city of Marion and Marion County Adult Education to bring job opportunities to Marion County.

"I see the program as providing the necessary skills for residents to become self employed or a better employee," said Brianna Zhang, who administers the program and is manager of the School of Business' Small Business Institute (SBI) at FMU.

Funding for the project came from Waste Management, the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America, which employs approximately 500 employees in South



Bailey speaks to the class.

Founder of YesCarolina Jimmy Bailey said he was reading an *Associated Press* article in the *Post and Courier* last May on how Marion County has the highest unemployment in the state when he came up with the idea for the program. He said if FMU could teach high school children to be entrepreneurs, then they can teach adults.

Bailey said the program's success would have statewide and even national implications. Marion Mayor and County Economic Development Director Rodney Berry

and Marion County Adult Education Director Candyce Brooks were on hand to offer support for what they said should be a first step in changing the financial forecast for the Pee Dee region.

The program consisted of limited lectures and teamwork

activities Zhang said, adding that community business leaders will also give presentations and students will develop business plans.

For more information, call FMU Coordinator of Continuing Education Suzan Orrico at (843) 661-1283 or Zhang at (843) 661-1112.



Zhang teaches first class.

Carolina and YesCarolina (Youth Entrepreneurship South Carolina), the Charleston-based company with a goal to teach public school teachers how to teach entrepreneurship and thus teaching children to be entrepreneurs.

"We believe in giving back and making a positive difference in the communities we serve, especially when it impacts the lives of young people," said Bob Peeler, community relations manager for Waste Management.

Progress Energy provides gift for Performing Arts Center

Francis Marion University recently received a gift from Progress Energy as part of the electric utility's support of the University's Performing Arts Center.

Progress Energy's \$100,000 donation will fund a new concert series, which is part of the FMU Performing Arts Center's inaugural season. The Progress Energy Concert Series will include country, jazz, bluegrass, gospel, classical, big band, Celtic, blues or rock performances.

"With this \$100,000 check, Progress Energy has given us over half a million dollars in just over a decade," said FMU President Luther F. Carter. "These donations have funded needs-based scholarships, a library technology center, and now support for the performing arts center. In addition to this philanthropic support, Progress Energy has been a strong partner with the University in any number of projects throughout the community and the region."

FMU will pull the curtain on a new performing arts center in 2011. The \$34 million center represents the culmination of five years of collaborative effort.

"We have worked together for more than a year to bring this series to the region. It's very exciting to see the fruits of our labors," said Melody Birmingham-Byrd, vice president of Progress Energy's Southern Region. "We are proud to be part of this inaugural season and welcome the opportunity to support the arts at Francis Marion University."

Encompassing 61,000 square-feet, the facility will feature three performance venues: a 900 seat multipurpose hall, a black box theater seating 100, and an outdoor amphitheater that can accommodate 500 people. The main theater will be supplemented by a full orchestra pit that can hold 80 people with instruments, and a 78 foot fly tower containing the rigging for productions.

In addition to University instruction and programs, the center will be available for community use.

The project has been funded largely by appropriations from the state of South Carolina and the city of Florence, and grants from the non-profit Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation.

Cari Ellen Hicks crowned Ms. FMU

Cari Ellen Hicks of New Zion was crowned Ms. FMU during the annual pageant at Francis Marion University.

Hicks is a senior and is majoring in marketing. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master's degree in business administration at FMU. Hicks is a member of The Riot Club and Young Professionals at FMU and serves as an FMU Orientation Leader. She has participated in the Relay for Life and volunteered with the March of Dimes, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and McLeod Health. She has interned for the Florence Red Wolves and is the cheerleading coach at Briggs Elementary School.

As Ms. FMU, Hicks will represent the University at a variety of events, including Open House, Freshman Orientation and outreach events in local high schools.

Abby Lee, a junior from Sardis, was named first runner up. Lee is majoring in early childhood education. She is an FMU Diplomat and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Second runner up was Delia Davis of Camden. She is a sophomore and is majoring in biology/pre-nursing. Davis is the social events chair of the University Programming Board, a member of Young, Gifted and Blessed Gospel Choir and a volunteer at McLeod Health.

Miss Congeniality was awarded to Jourdan Winans of Manning. The senior is majoring in biology. She is involved



From left: Abby Lee (1st Runner-Up), Bree Boyce (Ms. FMU 2010), Cari Ellen Hicks (Ms. FMU 2011), Jourdan Winans (Miss Congeniality), Delia Davis (2nd Runner-Up)

in summer mission work at Pinewood Baptist Church and participates in Relay for Life.

The Ms. FMU Pageant began in 1971 and is held each year. To be involved in next year's pageant, pick up an application next spring in the Office of Student Affairs located in the Smith University Center, suite 205.

Boys & Girls Club finds home in Marion

By Naeem McFadden
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Over the course of two years board members worked to organize a Boys & Girls Club in Marion County. That vision came to reality as City of Marion officials along with FMU's RALI Marion celebrated the Boys & Girls Club Marion County branch at Grice's Recreation Center on 603 Gurley Street recently.

"We're at Grice's because it all kind of came together at once and the board's vision has always been to serve the kids," said Pee Dee Area Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Neal Zimmerman, adding that the vision includes organizing five clubs in the county. "It will happen. This is just a starting point for us."

The recreation department and the Marion County Boys & Girls Club entered into an agreement for the club to use the recreation center.



RALI supports Boys & Girls Club in Marion.

Zimmerman said the club is going to work on academic skills, making sure participants are tech savvy, making sure they have a healthy lifestyle and high character standards.

FMU President Dr. Fred Carter praised the RALI leadership group for their support.

RALI Marion is a non-profit organization created by the FMU Foundation to assess the needs of Marion County and establish projects with lasting value that will benefit the entire county and build unity among the town's people. Currently, RALI is supporting the development of the Friends of the Library and Boys & Girls Club, both county-wide projects.

Carter also made a special announcement pledging \$3,000

to purchase two Nintendo Wii consoles, monitor and additional software for the club.

Marion Mayor Rodney Berry gave credit to a collective community effort in finding a home for the club, giving a special thanks to Jay Dowd and Fred Sheheen for leading the leadership institute.

"We expect good things to come from this," Marion County Boys & Girls Club Chairwoman Gwen Strickland said, adding that the focus is now to push for funding of the club and programs offered.

Mullins native Latoria Lewis serves as club director and said since its Feb. 14 opening the club has grown with 30 children participating daily.

Cost for children, ages 6-18, to join the club is \$5 per year per child.

With five staff members, the club is open from 2 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information about the programs, contact (843) 423-8623.

This year's featured authors



Amy Bloom is a novelist and short story writer. Her short story collection *Come to Me* was nominated for a National Book Award in 1993, and her collection *A Blind Man Can See How Much I Love You* was nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award in Fiction in 2000. Her most recent work is 2010's collection of short stories, *Where the God of Love Hangs Out*.



Michael Chitwood was born in the foothills of the Virginia Blue Ridge mountains. He has published seven books of poetry including the most recent, *Poor Mouth Jubilee*. He is currently a lecturer at the University of North Carolina.



Patricia Smith was a 2008 National Book Award finalist for *Blood Dazzler*, a collection of poems about Hurricane Katrina. She is also a four-time individual National Poetry Slam champion.



Daniel Woodrell is an American writer of crime fiction. He has published eight novels, including the 2006 novel *Winter's Bone* which was made into an Academy-nominated film in 2010. Woodrell writes primarily about the Missouri Ozarks where he grew up.

Pee Dee Fiction & Poetry Festival

For those looking to get in a bind, the book festival held annually at Francis Marion University is the place to be. Four nationally known and bestselling authors and poets and their avid readers will descend upon the university Nov. 10 and 11 at the fifth annual Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival, which is free and open to the public.

The two-day festival will celebrate and promote literature and reading with renowned authors Amy Bloom, Michael Chitwood, Patricia Smith and Daniel Woodrell. There will be readings, lectures and panel discussions. A number of fiction topics will be covered and there will be opportunities for book signings.

The inaugural Pee Dee Fiction Festival at FMU was held in 2006.

The festival is organized by a committee consisting of the following faculty members from the English Department: Jo Angela Edwins, Ed Eleazer, Heather Epes, Rebecca Flannagan, Kristin Gravitte, Lynn Kostoff, Laura Morris, Rebecca Randall, Pamela Rooks and Shawn Smolen-Morton.

Over the years, featured authors included:

Year One (2006): Andre Dubus, Ellen Gilchrist and Dinah Johnson.

Year Two (2007): Tobias Wolff, Sharyn McCrumb, Naomi Shihab Nye and Terrance Hayes

Year Three (2008): Ethan Canin, Sara Gran, Dorianne Laux, Valerie Martin, Tom Perrotta and Robert Wrigley

Year Four (2009): Dorothy Allison, Joseph Millar, Jayne Anne Phillips and Natasha Trethewey

Year Five (2010): Silas House, Lynn Kostoff, Li-Young Lee, ZZ Packer and Tracy K. Smith

King named associate provost for academic affairs; Stoeckmann to serve as chair of biology



King

Dr. Peter King has been named associate provost for academic affairs at Francis Marion University. He replaces Dr. Ken Kitts who has held the position since 2003.

As associate provost for academic affairs and enrollment management, King will coordinate the offices of admissions, financial assistance and the registrar.

Dr. Ann Stoeckmann will replace King as chair of the Department of Biology. Both appointments were effective April 1, 2011.

“Dr. (Fred) Carter and I are delighted that these two distinguished faculty members have accepted these appointments,” said FMU Provost Richard Chapman. “Both are highly respected by their colleagues, and they bring a great deal of experience to these administrative positions.”

King previously served as a professor of biology and coordinator of the biology pre-professional programs at FMU, and has been cited for his service to the community and state and for service on numerous university committees. He was appointed chair of the Biology Department in 2007.

He earned a certificate of horticulture at Sydney Technical College, a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Technology in Australia, a bachelor's degree in animal biology and geography from the University of New England in

Australia, and a doctorate in zoology from N.C. State University.

Prior to joining the FMU faculty in 1996, the Australia native taught at N.C. State University and worked as a research assistant and laboratory demonstrator at the University of New England. Before embarking on his academic career, King was a farmer.

Stoeckmann of Dunmore, Pa., came to FMU in 2004 as an assistant professor of biology. She was named associate professor of biology in 2007. Stoeckmann earned the B.S. degree in zoology from the University of Washington and the Ph.D. degree in zoology from Ohio State University.

As chair of the department, Stoeckmann is responsible for the management and leadership of the department's teaching, research, and service functions.



Stoeckmann



Jokisch

Jokisch named FMU's Distinguished Professor

Derek Jokisch of Florence has been selected the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for the 2010-11 year at Francis Marion University.

Announced at a campus banquet, this award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based upon a faculty member's contributions to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

The award, named in honor of a former chairman of the FMU Board of Trustees, is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a faculty member. The award carries a cash prize. As a result of his selection, Jokisch will be the FMU nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

"This award is the highest honor that a faculty member can achieve at FMU. The recipient is chosen by a panel of honorees from previous years. So it is, in a sense, our very best professors selecting the professor of the year," said FMU President Luther F. Carter. "And by every measure, Derek is richly deserving of this recognition. He is an accomplished scholar, a master teacher and one of the most compassionate people on this campus."

A native of Carlinville, Ill., Jokisch has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1999. Jokisch received his bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Illinois, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in health physics from the University of Florida as a Department of Energy fellow. He is certified in comprehensive practice by the American Board of Health Physics and a leader of the Health Physics Program at FMU, which has consistently ranked as one of the top undergraduate programs in the nation.

Jokisch helps coordinate internships for his students at nuclear facilities such as the Savannah River Site and other nuclear power plants. He has served on the Health Physics Society Academic Education Committee as a member, co-chair, and chair. He has collaborated with the University of Nevada (Las Vegas) and the University of Florida on multiple research grants, authored or co-authored 16 peer-reviewed journal articles, and serves as a corresponding

member on the International Commission on Radiological Protection Committee 2-dose calculation subgroup as an expert on internal dosimetry.

For his work, Jokisch received the Award for Excellence in Research at FMU in 2006. Jokisch was also presented the highest honor one can receive in the area of health physics, the Elda E. Anderson Award for 2010 by the National Health Physics Society for his research contributions.

In addition, he has led and participated in multiple programs that assist K-12 public school science teachers across the state of South Carolina.

He and his wife Kelly have one child.

Faculty News

Three professors recognized for teaching, research and service



Fisher



Malaiyandi



Rajagopalan

Three Francis Marion University faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a faculty recognition banquet.

Associate Professor/Coordinator of the Speech Communication Program Bryan Fisher was given the Award of Excellence in Teaching; Assistant Professor of Management Hari Rajagopalan was presented the Award for Excellence in Research; and Assistant Professor of Biology Latha M. Malaiyandi received the Award for Excellence in Service. Each award carries a cash prize.

“Exemplary teaching, public service and scholarship are essential characteristics of a good faculty member, and these awards recognize the importance of each in our mission of educating students,” said FMU President Fred Carter. “The distinctive accomplishments of Bryan, Hari and Latha within each of these areas have earned the respect of this entire campus and highlight the extraordinary capabilities of the finest collegiate faculty in the state. I am very proud of them and applaud their achievements.”

Fisher joined the FMU faculty in 2003 as an assistant professor of speech communication. A native of San Diego, he earned the B.A. degree in American studies from the University of California at Davis, and the M.A. degree in American culture studies from Bowling Green State University. He earned the Ph.D. in speech communication and American studies at Indiana University.

He has taught at a number of universities including Bowling Green State University, Indiana University (both in speech communication and in the Kelley School of Business), and East Tennessee State University.

Rajagopalan joined the FMU faculty in 2006. He earned the B.E. degree in engineering from Anna University, the M.B.A. degree from Delhi University, and the M.S. degree in computer science and the Ph.D. degree in information technology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

His research has been published in academic journals such as the Journal of Service Science Management, Journal of Operations Research Society, European Journal of Operational Research, Computers and Operations Research and Decision Support Systems. His most recent work was published in the Springer International Series in Operations and Management Science.

Malaiyandi came to FMU in 2006. She earned the B.A. degree in molecular and cell biology/biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and the Ph.D. degree in molecular pharmacology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Her study of epilepsy has translated into millions of dollars in grant monies to service the Pee Dee region and the state and even has national ramifications. In her quest to find more effective treatments for the illness, Malaiyandi has garnered the support of the National Center for Research Resources.

Chris Johnson, chair of the English Department, professor of English and coordinator of the English program, was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees. Johnson joined the FMU faculty in 1996 as the chair of English, Modern Languages and Philosophy. Previously, he worked at Missouri Valley College as the dean of arts and humanities. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Delaware.



Johnson

FMU partners with UNC Wilmington to build biological research station in Ecuador

What began as biodiversity training and research for faculty and students of Francis Marion University and the University of North Carolina Wilmington two years ago has resulted in plans for the construction of a new biological station at Wildsumaco Wildlife Sanctuary, on the east slope of the Andes in Ecuador.

The 12,560 foot Sumaco volcano, the last major mountain before reaching the Amazon basin, makes the nearly 5,000 foot sanctuary home to one of the world's highest levels of biodiversity.

From visits in December 2008 and 2009 by FMU and UNCW students were birthed several scientific papers and presentations. As a result of the studies, the initial phase of what will be known as Wildsumaco Biological Station is underway. It entails the construction of a parking area and clearing of the site. Funding for the project was provided by FMU and UNCW.

Wildsumaco Biological Station will be operated as a partnership with Wildsumaco Wildlife Sanctuary. FMU serves as the lead academic institution, and is collaborating with UNCW in developing scientific and educational programs for the station.

"FMU is proud to partner with UNCW in building and sustaining this unique facility," said FMU President Luther F. Carter. "It will provide a superb teaching, learning and research laboratory for our faculty and students."

Travis Knowles is director of the station and assistant provost and associate professor of biology at FMU. UNCW Professor Brian Arbogast, Ph.D. is the primary scientific adviser and assistant station director.

The biological station will be built using concrete block construction. It will initially consist of two buildings: a dormitory-style housing unit with bunk beds and shared bathrooms, with a capacity to house 18 people; and a combined kitchen, dining and lecture-laboratory building.

The construction and development of the station have far-reaching implications for teaching, research, and the conservation of biodiversity, said Knowles.

"This is an unprecedented opportunity for students and faculty members to engage in firsthand educational and scientific research at the hottest of hotspots for biodiversity in the world," Knowles said. "The potential for scientific study, including biodiversity inventories, new species discovery, and rainforest ecology is simply phenomenal."

In fact, the station site is close to Sumaco-Napo Galeras National Park and sits within the larger Tropical Andes region, which is described by Conservation International as "the richest and most diverse region on Earth."

"This is one of the most species-rich areas on the entire



Knowles discusses bone structure with a student in the lab.

planet and home to many endemic and vulnerable species, including spectacled bear and white-bellied spider monkey," said Knowles.

Recent research by faculty and students from FMU and UNCW has revealed that the area may be home to the highest density of margays, which are small, spotted jungle cats, ever documented. Knowles said future work will focus on population dynamics and ecological characteristics of margays, about which very little is known.

FMU students participating in summer field experiences at the station will have the opportunity to work alongside professional scientists, and gain firsthand experience studying tropical ecology and biodiversity. They will also have the opportunity to meet local citizens from Ecuador, including native Quechua language speakers, offering a rich cultural experience to complement the science.

The Wildsumaco Sanctuary was started by Jim and Bonnie Olson and Jonas Nilsson, who has lived in Ecuador for nearly 20 years. Associated with the sanctuary are the Wildsumaco Lodge, which caters to bird watchers, and the Rio Pucuno Foundation.

The sanctuary was established to support birding ecotourism and forest conservation in the eastern Andean foothills of Ecuador. These mid-elevation forests in the Andes have had very little scientific exploration or research, compared to low elevation rainforest sites, Knowles said.

Retirees

During the past academic year, many valued employees have retired. Following is a list of our retirees and their years of service.

Dr. Sharon Moore Askins, 2004 - 2011

Dr. Kenneth M. Autrey, 1989 - 2011

Mary Lynn Batson, 2008 - 2010

Richard J. Floyd, 1984 - 2010

Brunson Gibbs, 1990 - 2011

Diana L. Gibson, 1997 - 2010

Dr. Dorothy Harris, 1985 - 2011

Dr. J. J. (Mike) Jordan, 1972 - 2011

William F. Loewenstein, III, 2004 - 2011

Dr. Sylvia R. Lufkin, 2004 - 2011

Mary Mabe-Kulesa, 1999 - 2011

Martha Pee, 2001 - 2011

Kathleen S. Pompe, 1988 - 2011

Dr. Robert E. Pugh, 1990 - 2011

Loretta K. Spears, 2001 - 2010

John M. Summer, 1988 - 2011

Barbara M. Thayer, 1988 - 2010

Dr. Richard D. West, 1999 - 2011

Dr. Barbara C. Westphal, 2005 - 2011

Venters wins diversity award

Francis Marion University Assistant Professor of History Dr. Louis E. Venters of Hemingway has become the second recipient of the FMU African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition (AAFSC) Diversity Award. The award seeks to

recognize a faculty or staff member for their significant contributions to enhance the University's diversity and inclusiveness.

"Professor Venters was well deserving of this honor," said Yvonne Davis, chair of the AAFSC. "The intellectual interchange that is essential to a university requires, and is enriched by, the presence and voices of diverse scholars like him. Venters joined the faculty at FMU in 2007 as an assistant professor of history and a Francis Marion Trail Commission lecturer. He earned the B.A. in history and modern languages from Winthrop University and the M.A. in history from the University of South Carolina. He was awarded the Ph.D. in history from the University of South Carolina.

His doctoral dissertation examined the Bahá'í Faith as an interracial movement in Jim Crow-era S.C., and he is a co-author of "African Americans in Camden, South Carolina" (2006), an award-winning public history study. He is particularly interested in the history of race, religion, and social change in the United States, as well as issues of rural and urban planning and the intersection of cultural and environmental stewardship. A Pee Dee native, he has lived and traveled extensively in Africa, Central America, and Europe.

Recipients of the FMU African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition Diversity Award are people who routinely and voluntarily make diversity and inclusion a priority in much of what they do or people whose major responsibilities are implementing gender diversity and inclusion initiatives, but consistently explore ways to go above and beyond expectations.

The award was presented to Venters at the 10th Annual Banquet of the AAFSC. The speaker for this event was Sen. Kent Williams, representing District 30.



Venters

Former hoops players and coaches enter FMU Athletic Hall of Fame

Former basketball players Kim Slawson Hawkins and Bob Wilson, both of whom also returned to coach at Francis Marion University, were inducted into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 26 during 2011 Homecoming festivities.

Both Hawkins and Wilson reside in Florence and are employed by Florence School District One; Hawkins at Lester Elementary School and Wilson at Wilson High School.

A product of Summerville High School, Hawkins played four seasons of basketball at Francis Marion from 1982 to 1986. She also played volleyball during her sophomore year. She earned a B.S. degree in economics from FMU in 1986.

She is married with two children and has been the administrative assistant at Lester Elementary for the past 10 years.

During her playing career with the Patriots, she appeared in 131 games for then coach Sylvia Hatchell and helped Francis Marion to a 113-18 record, including three national tournament appearances and the 1986 NAIA national championship. She scored a career-high equaling 22 points in her final contest – the national title game win over Wayland Baptist University – after which she earned All-Tournament Team recognition.

She ended her career with 1,198 points (currently 19th on the all-time FMU list), 524 rebounds (26th), and 370 assists (6th). She recorded a school-record 462 steals – a total that also stood as the NAIA national record until 1990 – while committing only 246 turnovers.

Named to the 20th anniversary FMU Team, she still owns the Francis Marion records for free throws attempted in a game (19) and steals in a season (150) and career. She connected on 49 percent of her career field goal attempts.

Hawkins was named to the American Women's Sports Federation Freshman All-America Team in 1983 and to the AWSF All-America squad (fourth-team) as a senior in 1986. She garnered honorable mention NAIA All-District Six team honors in 1986 and was named to the District Six All-Tournament Team in 1985.

Following her FMU career, she played briefly with the professional Women's Basketball League's Charlotte franchise. She returned to Francis Marion and served as an assistant coach for volleyball in 1989 and as an assistant for women's basketball from 1992 to 1995. She has also assisted with the Wilson High School soccer and girls' basketball programs in the past.

Wilson, a native of Louisville, Ky., transferred to Francis Marion from Western Kentucky University in 1978. He played

two seasons for the Patriots, from 1978 to 1980, and earned a B.A. degree in history in 1982 and a master's degree in education in 1991.



Hawkins and Wilson are surrounded by friends and fellow athletes at Homecoming 2011.

Married with two children, Wilson has taught and coached at both West Florence and Wilson high schools. In four seasons at Wilson, he guided the Tigers to a 76-31 mark and the 2007 AAA state championship. In some capacity, he coached hoops in the Florence area for 29 seasons from 1980 to 2009.

During his playing career at Francis Marion, Wilson appeared in 58 career games and averaged 15.2 points and 5.0 rebounds per game while helping the Patriots to a combined 42-19 record. He ended his career owning the then Patriot men's records for free throw accuracy – both single-season (89.3%) and career (86.4%). He also connected on 53.6% of his field goal attempts and tallied 85 assists. Despite only playing two seasons, he still stands 22nd on the career scoring list with 880 points.

He scored a career-high 33 points during a 1979 win over Coastal Carolina. That same year, he earned the Francis Marion Coaches' Award and was voted the "Best Shooter" by coaches in NAIA District Six.

He co-captained the 1979-80 Patriot squad and helped that team record a best-in-school-history-to-that-date 24-7 mark by averaging 13.7 ppg and sinking 100 of 112 free throws. Following his playing career, he was later named to the FMU All-Decade Team for the 1970s.

He later returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach on the staff of Lewis Hill. During his eight seasons on the Patriot bench, Francis Marion posted a 143-100 mark, captured the 1991 District Six title, and made the program's only appearance in the NAIA National Tournament (1991).

Sports Shorts



Baseball

The Patriots posted a 41-16 record (equaling the school record for wins), earned a Top-10 regular-season national ranking, and capture the program's first-ever Peach Belt Conference regular-season championship. The team earned its third straight invitation to the NCAA Division II National Tournament, where FMU reached the regional title game for the second consecutive year. For the first time in conference history, one school swept all the major post-season awards as FMU head coach Art Inabnet was named Coach of the Year, junior center fielder Buddy Sosnoskie (Statesville, NC) was named Co-Player of the Year, sophomore Don Sandifer (Bamberg, SC) was named Pitcher of the Year, and third baseman Michael Wilson (Florence, SC) was named Freshman of the Year. Two other Patriots earned All-Conference recognition: senior first baseman Preston Shuey (Charlotte, NC) and freshman right-handed pitcher Jeffrey Stoner (Martinez, GA). Sosnoskie, Sandifer, Shuey, Stoner, and junior designated hitter John Jones (Phoenix, AZ) all garnered All-Region honors. Shuey was also named to the Capitol One Academic All-District III (College Division) Team.

Golf

The Patriots concluded their season with a ninth-place finish at the Wolfpack Spring Open hosted by N.C. State. Sophomores Kenneth Svanum (Skoppum, Norway) and Sebastian Backlund (Bollebygd, Sweden) led the young FMU squad with stroke averages of 74.82 and 75.37, respectively.

Women's Softball

Francis Marion concluded its regular season with a 24-21-1 record. Two Patriots earned All-PBC honors for the second straight year: junior center fielder Destinea Schneider (Jacksonville, FL) and junior second baseman Ashley Jaramillo (Canyon Country, CA). Schneider later received All-Region accolades.

Following the season, seventh-year head coach Stacey Vallee and her husband announced the birth of their second child (a daughter) in mid May.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team finished with a 10-8 record and a No. 17 national ranking, while making the program's 15th appearance in the NCAA Tournament over the past 17 years. Senior Oshada Wijemanne (Colombo, Sri Lanka) earned All-PBC honors for the third time, was ranked in the Top-10 for singles, and concluded his career with 56 singles victories -- second-most in Patriot history. Senior Karl Rogers (Killiney, Ireland) and sophomore Alex Caspari (Hurth, Germany) were also named All-Conference.



Women's Tennis

FMU ended the season with an 11-7 record and a No. 21 national ranking. The young Patriot squad, which did not include any seniors, suffered all its losses at the hands of nationally ranked opponents. Junior Jitka Gavdunova (Vejprty, Czech Republic) and sophomore Mona Blauen (Cologne, Germany) were All-Conference selections in both singles and doubles. Gavdunova, the 13th-ranked singles player in Division II, also earned the ITA's Southeast Region Player to Watch award.

Women's Basketball

The Patriots registered an 18-10 record and made the program's fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. Senior Shannon Singleton-Bates (South Norwalk, CT) earned honorable mention All-America recognition for the third straight year. She ended her standout career with 1,743 points, seventh-best on the FMU all-time chart and the sixth-highest total in PBC history. Guards Courtney Mealing (North Augusta, SC) and Robin Colbert (Bowie, MD) also gained All-PBC honors in addition to Singleton-Bates.

Men's Basketball

The FMU men posted a 16-11 record, the team's third consecutive winning season – something that has not happened since the early 1990s. Junior forward Liki Turner (Richmond, VA) was named All-Conference, while senior center Mindaugas Petreikis (Siauliai, Lithuania) and junior center Andrew Smith (South Milwaukee, WI) were named to the PBC All-Academic Team.



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Francis Marion University Athletics

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Ohlsson

Swamp Fox Notes

Nine student-athletes comprise the 2011 inductees for Chi Alpha Sigma, national college athlete honor society: baseball players Buddy Sosnoskie (Statesville, NC) and Joe Wagstaff (Zebulon, NC), men's basketball player Andrew Smith (South Milwaukee, WI), men's soccer players Chuy Cruz (Austin, TX) and Ivan Juric (Toronto, Ontario, Canada), women's tennis player Jitka Gavdunova (Vejprty, Czech Republic), women's soccer player Casey Durham (Waldorf, MD), and volleyball players Amanda Mitchell (Farragut, TN) and Danielle Parker (Lockwood, MO).

The women's cross country team was named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's list of All-Academic Teams for the 2010 season. This is the second consecutive year the FMU women have earned this honor.

Women's soccer player Elisabeth Dobek (Sterling Heights, MI) was named the recipient of the 2011 Debra Lee Orander Swamp Fox Academic Award. Senior defender Rebecca Nelson (New Hyde Park, NY) was named to the Jewish Sports Review's 2010 Women's Soccer All-America Team. The FMU program earned a National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award for 2009, the team's sixth such award in seven years.

Volleyball players Kelsie Deaton (Martinsville, IN) and Mallory Eggert (Lake Elmo, MN) earned All-PBC recognition for 2010, while Hallie Legg (Uniontown, OH) and Amanda Mitchell (Farragut, TN) were named to the PBC All-Academic Team.

Two former FMU student-athletes, women's basketball player Brittany Young and softball catcher Jamie Holmes, are among 26 recipients of \$6,000 scholarships from the NCAA as part of its Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics program. Francis Marion was the only school to garner two awards.

FMU graduate and former Patriot golfer Fredrik Ohlsson finished tied for 22nd at the PGA European Tour Qualifying School – Final Stage – and earned his second straight tour card (for 2010-11).



Development News

FMU offers more than \$150,000 in new scholarships

Francis Marion University students will benefit from six new scholarships totaling more than \$150,000 in the coming year. These scholarships were established to support students of all ages with a variety of interests, including biology, business administration, public and community service, library science and music.

“Once again, the FMU family and the Pee Dee community have responded to our need for scholarship assistance,” said Luther F. Carter. “The financial support from these generous donors will make it possible for deserving students to acquire the most precious commodity in a competitive economy – a quality education.”

Adult Scholars of the Pee Dee Fund

One such scholarship established to assist the non-traditional student is the Adult Scholars of the Pee Dee Fund. Lake City businesswoman Darla Moore, vice president of Rainwater, Inc. and founder and chair of the Palmetto Institute, and Brian Kennedy, COO of Moore Farms, decided to establish it because of Kennedy’s experience as a non-traditional student at FMU.

“I was impressed with the quality of education I received and was moved to address the need for more scholarship opportunities for adult students who were fulfilling family, work and financial obligations,” said Kennedy. “Upon graduation, I approached my employer, Mrs. Moore, about ideas I had to address the need.”

Moore will contribute \$50,000 per year over the next five years.



Moore

Kevin M. Sattelle, M.D. Scholarship

Alumnus Kevin Sattelle ('90) and his wife Lori of Florence have established the Kevin M. Sattelle, M.D. Scholarship as a token of appreciation to FMU for the education he received. Sattelle grew up in Myrtle Beach. He served in the U.S. Air Force before enrolling at FMU in 1987. Sattelle graduated with honors in 1990 with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. He graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and he completed his residency in internal medicine at Richland Memorial Hospital where he served as chief resident.

He returned to Florence in 1998 to practice medicine. He and his wife operate the Skinsations MediSpa and Rapid Weight Loss & Esthetic Centers. The two will permanently endow the scholarship in the amount of \$25,000.

W.O. Powers Scholarship

Another of this year’s newly established scholarships was initiated by James A. Brown ('77), a member of the FMU Board of Trustees. The W.O. Powers Scholarship was created in recognition of Billy Powers’ long-standing support and commitment to FMU. As a longtime member of the FMU Foundation Board of Directors, Powers was a staunch ambassador for conveying the importance of FMU to the region and state, said Brown.

Powers has spent more than 40 years building his construction company, Powers Construction, into a recognized name across the Southeastern United States. His career began as an engineer with the S.C. Department of Transportation. In addition to Powers Construction, his business

interests include Mini-Max Warehouses Inc., Price-Carolina Aqua Pools Inc., Community Health Services Inc., Powers Aviation LLC, Powers-Godbold Construction Co., U.S. Coatings, and The Willows Inc.

Brown will permanently endow the scholarship in the amount of \$25,000.

Ted Zuppa Scholarship

Evon Zuppa, the wife of an inaugural faculty member, has established the Ted Zuppa Scholarship in memory of her husband who served as the cataloging librarian in the James A. Rogers Library for 29 years. The son of Italian immigrants, Ted Zuppa overcame adversities to earn several degrees. He did so after serving in the U.S. Army.

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., he earned the B.A. degree from Baker University, the M.Ed. degree from the University of Missouri, a specialist of education in English degree from the George Peabody College for Teachers, and a master of library science degree from Rutgers University. He began his library career at Pratt Library in Baltimore before joining the FMU staff in 1970, prior to the completion of Rogers Library.

He came to FMU with a determination to support the goals of the library and institution in order to make available the opportunity for a college education in the Pee Dee. In addition, he brought with him a love of education, reading, research, an unequalled work ethic, a determination to be a leader in a team effort to build an accessible library collection through cataloging, and encouragement to others to do their best to obtain higher goals through work and education.

The Zuppa Scholarship is permanently endowed in the amount of \$25,000.

Jamie Grimsley Music Scholarship

The Jamie Grimsley Music Scholarship was established in memory of alumnus James H. Grimsley Jr. ('77) by his family and friends. Grimsley recently lost a battle with cancer but not before building a legacy of service to his community. He was executive director of Organizational Clients with ACS Technologies Inc. where he was employed for 30 years. He was also the owner of the Grimsley Agency Sound and Light Company, Minister of Music at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church for 13 years and Worship Leader at Lamb's Chapel for eight years.

The Grimsley scholarship is permanently endowed in the amount of \$25,000.



Kiwanis Club of Florence Scholarship

Established in 1971 and reestablished in 1992, the Kiwanis Club of Florence Scholarship was recently revised to denote the Kiwanis Club Foundation as the funding source of the award. This scholarship is to recognize and support an outstanding student who shows leadership and civic responsibility around the community and FMU.

Criteria for awarding each scholarship

Adult Scholars of the Pee Dee Fund – First preference will be given to a male adult learner/non-traditional student, minimum age of 25 who is not receiving other types of financial aid. If no such candidate exists, then recipient must be a student from the Pee Dee region. The recipient must be a full-time student and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher. Satisfactory academic progress toward the degree is also a requirement. Renewable awards permitted.

The Jamie Grimsley Music Scholarship – The recipient must be pursuing a degree in music industry, demonstrate financial need and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. First preference is given to a student of the Pee Dee area. If no criterion is met, the student should be from South Carolina.

The Kiwanis Club of Florence Scholarship – First preference is given to an incoming freshman who was involved as a Key Club member while in high school and is a resident of Florence County. If no such candidate meets the Key Club criteria, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated consistent involvement in community service and developed leadership skills. While enrolled at FMU, the donor expects the student to be involved in an active Circle K chapter. The recipient is also expected to be involved in one or more of the following: community service, a service organization or club, or a university sponsored body, club or organization focused on service or the enhancement of their leadership skills. The recipient must attend at least one Kiwanis Club of Florence meeting during the academic year. The student must also maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and demonstrate financial need. Repeat awards are allowed and preferred.

The W.O. Powers Scholarship – First preference is given to residents of Sardis or Timmonsville. The recipient must also be admitted to the B.B.A. program with a concentration in management and demonstrate financial need.

The Kevin M. Sattelle, M.D. Scholarship – The recipient must be a biology major, have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and be a resident of South Carolina. Repeat awards are allowed.

The Ted Zuppa Scholarship – Recipient must be a first generation college student with financial need. Preference will be given to a student worker in the James A. Rogers Library. The recipient must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

Letter from new alumni president



Harrell

Hello Patriots!

Please allow me to introduce myself. I grew up in the Pee Dee and graduated from FMU in 1985 with a degree in business. My wife Renee, who is also a Pee Dee native, graduated the same year with a degree in accounting. My brother attended FMU, as well as both of Renee's sisters. As you can see, I very much fit the profile of a large number of our alums. I have worked for Sonoco Products (another great Pee Dee institution) for the past 26 years. My time with Sonoco has taken me, and my family, through four countries. Along the way, I have also added an Executive MBA from Duke University. It all started with FMU!

On the invitation of Stephen Jones in 2007, I made the decision to get involved with the Alumni Association as a board member. In 2010, I was elected as vice president and later this year will begin my two year term as president. This involvement has reconnected me with FMU and the vision that Dr. Carter has for the University. As president, I look to continue the great work done by those before me to reconnect with you – the alumni. We are maturing as a group and our numbers are growing. However, the percentage participating in the association and supporting the University needs to be increased, significantly. We need to change this and I will be working to reunite with you and asking for your support and involvement in the future of the University and our students. Each graduate becomes a new success story that supports future graduates behind them which is our responsibility as alumni.

Again, I look forward to serving you and connecting with you.

James A. Harrell
Class of '85

FMU School of Education presents alumni awards

Three Francis Marion University School of Education alumni received 2011 awards at a wine and cheese reception as part of Homecoming activities.

Heather Soles Papp '10 received the Novice Educator Award, Nancy N. Etman '08 received the Veteran Educator Award and Vicki Kirby '72 received the Administrator Award.

The Novice Educator Award recognizes a successful FMU graduate who demonstrates leadership in education and has been an educator at the early childhood, elementary, middle, or high school level for one to three years. In addition, the candidate must convey

a strong sense of pride and loyalty for his/her alma mater, demonstrate success in his/her educational endeavors and serve his/her community through active involvement in civic and/or charitable and service organizations.

The criteria for the Veteran Educator Award and the Administrator Award are the same as outlined for the Novice Award but he/she must be an educator or administrator at the early childhood, elementary, middle, or high school level with four or more years' experience.

Papp graduated from FMU in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She is employed with Dillon School District 1's

Ervin named School of Business Outstanding Alumnus

S. Fulton Ervin, III, a native of Florence, received Francis Marion University's Morgan B. Coker School of Business Outstanding Alumnus Award for 2011.

The award was presented during a breakfast recently.

Ervin graduated from Presbyterian College in 1979 with a B.S. degree in business administration/accounting, and later received his M.B.A. from FMU in 1992.

Ervin has served McLeod Health as senior vice president of finance since February 2010. He was promoted to chief financial officer in March 2007. As the chief financial officer, Ervin is responsible for the areas of accounting and finance, business services, managed care, occupational medicine, payroll, workers compensation, procurement services, real estate, registration, reservations and scheduling, construction, grounds maintenance, engineering and telecommunications.

He joined the McLeod team in August 1997 as controller. During his tenure, Ervin has assumed many additional financial and operational responsibilities including being named corporate controller in 2003, assuming all accounting functions for McLeod Health and many of its subsidiaries. In 2005, as associate vice president, Ervin also had the added responsibility for physician accounting, payroll and financial systems.

He has been married to his wife Joan for 28 years. They have two sons.

FMU prepared Wilson for challenges as youngest AG



Wilson

Alan Wilson, who graduated from Francis Marion University in 1996, admits he “overextended” himself during his first two years in college – too many extracurricular activities and not enough time with the books.

“The last two years (in school) I buckled down. I realized the importance of my education for my future. I got an absolutely great education,” Wilson remembers of his years at FMU.

And now he finds himself some 15 years later as the youngest state attorney general in the nation at age 37 and the first FMU graduate to be elected to statewide office in

South Carolina.

He grew up in West Columbia but his grandmother lived in Florence, and he spent lots of holidays and summers in Florence. He was a big “Carolina” fan he said, but he wanted to get away from home and FMU seemed like a good choice – away from home but not too far away.

He lived on campus all four years starting out in the Belle Isle dormitory which was brand new in 1992, his first year.

He majored in history with a minor in political science. He was a cheerleader, involved with the Young Republicans, was in a fraternity, and served in the SGA senate and in his senior year he was vice president of student government. After finishing FMU he worked for a few years. He went to one year of law school in Michigan and then spent his last two at USC where he graduated.

He feels his preparation at FMU, especially with professors such as Neil Thigpen, Jon Tuttle and Ken Kitts, has helped him immensely through the years and as he tackles the job of attorney general.

Lake View Elementary School. The Marion native now lives in Aynor.

Etman is employed with Marion School District 7 in Rains as the music teacher at Britton's Neck Elementary School. The Waterford, N.Y., native holds a B.A. in music education from Wells College in New York and a master's degree in instructional accommodation from FMU.

The veteran educator is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the S.C. Music Educators Association, the Pee Dee International Reading Association and a school technology mentor. Etman was also the 2009 District Teacher of the Year for Marion 7.

Kirby was recently hired as the director of elementary education for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. She

is the former principal of Pate Gardner Elementary School in Gibson, N.C. Kirby began her career in S.C. where she taught middle school from 1972 until 1984. From 1984 until 1992, she was the director of instruction and staff development in Marion. From 1988 until 1990, she was an elementary school principal.

In 1993, Kirby was named interim principal while simultaneously fulfilling the duties in a S.C. district position. She was the assistant superintendent for instruction from 1992 until 2001; and from 2001 through 2004 she was a principal leader. She became principal of Pate Gardner Elementary School in 2004. Kirby holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from FMU. She earned an Ed.S. degree in 1990 from Winthrop University.

Alumni News

FMU presents alumni awards

Francis Marion University presented its 2010-2011 alumni awards at an Alumni Appreciation Dinner in February.

The Outstanding Alumnus is George C. McIntyre. He received a B.S. degree in political science in 1978.

McIntyre has served 16 years as a member of the Marlboro County Council, including three years as chairman. For 11 years, he has served on the FMU Board of Trustees, of which he served as chairman for two years. He is a member of the Marlboro Park Hospital Board of Trustees, the Marlboro General Hospital Charity Trust Board and the Carolina Bank local advisory board.



From left: Paul Seward, Fred Carter, George McIntyre and Brent Tiller

The Clio native is the son of the late John E. McIntyre and the late Jane C. McIntyre. He and his wife Wendy ('89) live in Bennettsville with their two children Janna (13) and Chandler (12). He is owner and operator of McIntyre Realty Company and has been a realtor/broker for 31 years and an appraiser for 25 years. He and his family are members of First Presbyterian Church of Bennettsville where he currently serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Pi Gamma Mu honor society. While at FMU, he served as a Student Government Association senator.

The Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus is Johnny Brent Tiller. The Hartsville native is a 2000 graduate of FMU where he received a BBA in marketing.

He is owner of the New York Butcher Shoppe and Market and president of Pinnacle Network Solutions in Florence.

Tiller was Kiwanian of the Year in 2005 and served as club president 2009-2010. He served on the FMU Alumni Association Board of Directors 2006-2009 and was chosen FMU Alumni Volunteer of the Year 2007-2008. He is currently serving on the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

He is married to DeAnn Weatherly ('99) of Dillon, and they have two children, Weatherly Ann and Laura Kathleen.

The Alumni Volunteer of the Year is Stephen N. Jones. He is a 1988 graduate of FMU where he received his bachelor's degree in business administration.

Jones has more than 20 years experience in the financial services industry. He began his career in the brokerage industry joining A.G. Edwards in 1993. He joined Stifel Nicolaus in 2008. He is one of the few professionals in the Pee Dee region to have obtained the coveted designation of Certified Financial Planner.

Jones has worked with many civic and non-profit organizations over the past 20 years. He currently serves as a board member and immediate past president of the FMU Alumni Board of Directors and the FMU Real Estate Foundation Board. He is also a board member and past president of the Florence Kiwanis Club and is a member and deacon of First Presbyterian Church.

Stephen and his wife, Frances, live in Florence with their two sons, Jay and Stephen.

Class Notes

1970

Vicki Kirby '72, '82 was honored as the Administrator of the Year by the FMU School of Education at the 2011 Alumni Reception on Feb. 24.

Nathaniel Durant Jr. '73 was honored as a "Living Legend" at the Church and Community of The Upstate Living Legends Banquet.

Quinn Alford '74 has recently joined the faculty at West Florence High School as a social studies teacher.

Marianne Hoylen '74, '78 was named as the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year for McLaurin Elementary School, and earned her National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards.



Hoylen

Kimberly Jordan '74 earned her National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards.



Jordan

Allen McBride '75 was featured in the *Community Times* as a "Role Model Next Door."

Dr. Rainey Knight '77 received "The Mary Dean Brewer Award" presented by the Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina to women making a difference in the community.

Georgette Britt '78 was honored on March 11 by Bojangles, for her continued commitment to education in South Carolina.

Terry Hill '78 was appointed by the U.S. Small Business Administration to serve a three year term on the Advisory Committee on Veteran Business Affairs.

George McIntyre '78 received the 2011 Outstanding Alumnus Award at the FMU Alumni Appreciation Dinner on Feb. 10.



Gov. Haley (left) presents Norwood (center) certificate.

Tim Norwood '78 was honored as an Ambassador for Economic Development at South Carolina's 20th Annual Industry Appreciation Week.

Diane Kilgore '79 was appointed to the Board of Directors at the Southeastern Federal Credit Union in Georgia.

Mike Wilson '79 was inducted into the Florence Athletic Hall of Fame on Jan. 8, 2011.

1980

James Blake '80 has been selected as the South Carolina Class AAAA Principal of the Year for his work at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill.

Bonnie Shaw '80 was named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year for Southside Middle School.



Jelovchan with dancing partner

Pauline Jelovchan '81 was featured on the front page of the *News Journal* teaching ballroom dancing.

Linda Kelly '82 served as the 2010-11 parliamentarian for the FMU African-American Faculty Staff Coalition.

Lurma Swinney '82 was named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year for Wilson High School.



Murray Hartzler presents Hall of Fame plaque to inductee Mike Wilson at Homecoming 2011.

Bob Wilson '82 was inducted to the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming on Feb. 26.

Tony Blackmon '84 has completed "The Feather Keeper," which is the first of six novels he is writing in a series.

Michael Blue '85 received an honorary doctoral degree at the FMU Fall 2010 commencement, published a book on leadership, and was featured in the *Community Times* as a "Role Model Next Door."

Terry Dingle '85 was featured in the "Doers Profile" article of the July 2010 issue of the Greater Pee Dee Business Journal.



Blue

Dr. Vivian Gallman DeRienzo '85 has been selected for a 2010-11 Fulbright Specialist Project in Canada.



Murray Hartzler presents Hall of Fame plaque to inductee Kim Slawson Hawkins at Homecoming 2011.

Kim Slawson Hawkins '86 was inducted into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming on Feb. 26.

Stephen N. Jones '88 has been appointed by Gov. Haley to the Board of Trustees and was named 2011 Alumni Volunteer of the Year at the FMU Alumni Appreciation Dinner on Feb. 10.



Newsome

Billy Newsome '88 has been named Chair of the Estate Planning & Probate Law Specialization Advisory Board, a part of the S.C. Supreme Court Commission.

Conrad Seastrunk '88 was featured in the July 2010 issue of the Greater Pee Dee Business Journal.

Thelma Hawkins '89 performed as a violinist in the Masterworks Choir Christmas Concert in Florence this past Christmas.



Seastrunk

David Rast '89 was featured in the Florence Little Theatre production of "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever" in Dec. 2010.

Yeolanda Snipes '89, '10 has become a member of the McLeod Blood Conservation Team.

Ruth Taylor '89, '93 has been honored by the FMU Department of Biology with an Outstanding Alumni Award.

1990

Dr. Kevin Sattelle '90 and his wife Lori have established the Kevin M. Sattelle Scholarship at FMU for students majoring in biology.

Dale Cook '91 was named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year for the Florence Career Center.

Ervin Fulton '92 received the 2011 Morgan B. Coker School of Business Outstanding Alumnus Award on Feb. 25 at the FMU School of Business Alumni Breakfast.



From left: Dr. Carter, Fulton and Dean O'Brien.

Class Notes

Em Foxworth '92 had her collection of poetry published recently by Tate Publishing.

Kimberly Alexander '93 was a guest speaker at the 2011 FMU Chemistry Alumni Symposium.

Shannon Dunn '93 codirected the Florence Little Theatre production of "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever" in Dec. 2010.

Jeffrey Lynn Gibbs '94 joined the sales team at Weichert Realtors - The Freedom Group.

Dr. Leslie Lovelace '94 was a guest speaker at the 2011 FMU Chemistry Alumni Symposium.

Paul Seward '94, '10 received a master's degree in business administration from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Joe Ann Calvy '95 received the December Image Award from the Williamsburg Home Town Chamber.

Jennifer Appleton Ervin '95 had her artwork displayed in the Hyman Fine Arts Center Gallery during Jan. and Feb.

Anne Martin '95, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in December 2010.

Howard V. Brown '98 served as the 2010-11 vice president for the FMU African-American Faculty Staff Coalition.

Clayton McDaniels '98, '10 received a master's degree in business administration from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Steven C. Sims '98 was named 2010 Paraprofessional of the Year by the S.C. Library Association for his work at the James A. Rogers Library at FMU.

Marci Gatewood '99 was named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at Royall Elementary School.

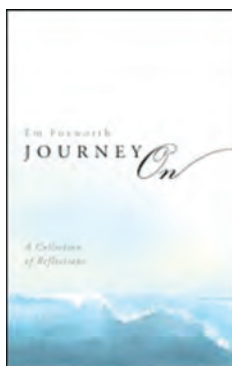
2000

Debbie Cheek '00 received her certification from the Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina. She is currently vice president of business and finance for Northeastern Technical College.

Dr. Steve McCall '00 was a guest speaker at the 2011 FMU Chemistry Alumni Symposium.

Brent Tiller '00 received the 2011 Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus Award at the FMU Alumni Appreciation Dinner on Feb. 10, was featured in the March 2011 issue of Greater Columbia Business Monthly for his work with Pinnacle Network Solutions, and was a participant in the 2011 Dancing with the Stars of Florence.

Carlos Baxley '01 has been named director of annual giving at Coastal Carolina University.



Foxworth's book

Robert Boyce '02 married **Morgan Maxwell '07** on March 5 in Florence.

Kristie Bridger '02, '05 has earned her National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards.

Lisa Chalian Rock '02 has been named editor of the *Darlington News & Press*.

Mike Cook '02 was a guest speaker at the 2011 FMU Chemistry Alumni Symposium.

Jenny Michael '02 has been hired as the new volleyball coach at Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee.

Michael Jebaily '03 married Amy Suzanne Maynard on Nov. 20, 2010, in Hickory, N.C.



Bridger



Michael



Johnson receives award.

Melisa Johnson '03 received the 2010 Governor's Distinguished Professor of the Year for Northeastern Technical College.

Jonathan Jordan '03 was featured in the Florence Little Theatre production of "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever" in Dec. 2010.

Jamantha Laury '03, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in December 2010.



McCormick-Price

Shelia McCormick '03 married Joseph Price on Oct. 23, 2010, in Marion.

Rosetta McElveen '03 earned her National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards.

Susan Oliver '03 was featured in the Florence Little Theatre production of "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever" in Dec. 2010.

Ann M. Williams '03 served as the 2010-11 treasurer for the FMU African-American Faculty Staff Coalition.



McElveen

Brianna Zhang '03, '07 was named one of the 11 "Best of the Best" Entrepreneurial Teachers.

Andrew Lipps '04 was featured in an *Scnow.com* article recognizing his work teaching autistic students at Carolina Elementary School in Hartsville.



Zhang



Lipps

Cpl. Adam Moore '04 was recognized as the 2010 Investigator of the Year by the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

Meg Rainwater '04 married Christopher Lane on Sept. 25, 2010, in Florence.

Elizabeth Sowell '04 served on the production crew of the Florence Little Theatre production of "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever" in Dec. 2010.



Rainwater-Lane

Josh Adams '05 wrote a Christmas play titled "One Cold Winter Night." The play was performed this past Christmas at Hemingway First Baptist Church.

Jennifer Bullock '05 recently earned her National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards.

Tomarra Eaton '05 married Jason Londeree on Sept. 4, 2010, in Thomasville, N.C., and received her National Board Certification in the field of Generalist-Early Childhood.



Bullock

Ashley Rhodes '05 married Andrew Tyler Pfirman on Nov. 6, 2010, in Charleston.

Shane Bakazan '06, '10

received a master's degree in business administration from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Capt. Benjamin Balazs '06 married Elizabeth Parrish on Sept. 11, 2010, in Camden.



Rhodes-Pfirman

Courtney Dease '06 served as the musical director for the Florence Little Theatre production of "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever" in Dec. 2010, and was a participant in the 2011 Dancing with the Stars of Florence.

Shana Gant '06 married Duran A. Gunter on Nov. 20, 2010, in Moncks Corner.

Haieasha Kennedy '06, '10 received a master's degree in business administration from FMU in December 2010.

Ronald Oates '06 married **Kerri Smith '06** on March 5 in Florence.

Alaina Pitts '06, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Brian Welch '06 was featured in *The Patriot* for fulfilling his long time dream of being a teacher and football coach at Johnsonville High School.

Tiffany Wilson '06, '10 received a master's degree in business administration from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Kelli Becote '07, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Jonee' Evans '07, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Ross Johnson '07 has become a loan officer for Darlington County with the Heritage Community Bank.

Lauren A. Karelitz '07 married Harry Michael Vause Jr. on Oct. 16, 2010, in Florence.

Misty Rudisill '07 married Curtis Lee Martin Jr. on Oct. 30, 2010.

Frankie Timmons '07, '10 received a master's degree in business administration from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Susan Williams '07, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in Dec. 2010.



Karelitz-Vause

Thomas Allen '08 recently received a master's degree in public affairs from Western Carolina University.

Stephanie Arnette '08, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in Dec. 2010, and married Walter Benjamin Long on Dec. 17, 2010.

Calandra Brisbane '08 was named 2010-11 Teacher of the Year for North Vista Elementary School.

Nancy Etman '08 was honored as Veteran Educator by the FMU School of Education at the 2011 Alumni Reception on Feb. 24.

Bethany Lee '08 married Tony James Jr. on Nov. 6, 2010, in Hartsville.

Ashley Mabry '08, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Anastazia Richburg '08 was featured in the March 2 issue of *The Patriot* for her career in fashion.

Brittany Young '08 was one of 26 recipients of the NCAA's Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship.

Jennifer Avery '09, '10 received a master's degree in education from FMU in Dec. 2010.

Curt Derrick '09 married **Julia Whisenhunt '09** on Nov. 6, 2010, in Latta.



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Whitney Gibbons '09 married Ronald Lee Tabor on Nov. 20, 2010, in Manning.

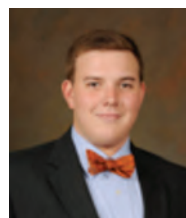
Matthew Kimrey '09 married **Mindy Parsons '10** on Nov. 20, 2010, in Florence.

Matt McColl '09 received a master's degree in mass communication from the University of South Carolina during Dec. 2010, and has been named editor of the *Weekly Observer* in Hemingway, S.C.

Mollie Soto '09 was featured in the "Who's News" section of the July 2010 issue of the Greater Pee Dee Business Journal.

Krysten Whetsell '09 was a participant in the 2011 Dancing with the Stars of Florence.

Paul Cheezem '10 is attending graduate school at Clemson University for Planning and Landscape Design.



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Jamie Holmes '10 was one of 26 recipients of the NCAA's Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship.

Dorothy Matthews '10 is the Spring 2011 Semester Missionary for Baptist Collegiate Ministry at FMU.

Danielle McElveen '10 recently joined the faculty at West Florence High School as a social studies teacher.

Heather Papp '10 was honored as Novice Educator by the FMU School of Education at the 2011 Alumni Reception on Feb. 24.



Wedding Announcement? Birth Announcement? New Job?

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